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--HULK
WILL
TOO!



AND SO HE DOES! WITH-
OUT THE HINDERANCE OF
PNEUMATIC SAFETY
VALVES--



--THE HULK PLUMMETS.
EVER DEEPER, EVER
FASTER, TOWARDS...



...WHAT?



MOMENTS LATER, AFTER THE
BURSTING SEARGE HAS BEEN
SEALED, AND HASTY EXPLANA-
TIONS MADE...

NEGATIVE, HANVEL. HAN,
HE'S LONG GONE.
AND ANYWAY--



--WE'VE GOT TO
HAVE OUR
NEWLY-FREED
MOSBYSE IS
OKAY.

"OKAY?" HAN, I'M
CURIOUS ON GEORGE
HANE, IMAGINE,
THE FALCON--
MY SINGEL!



BUT THOUGH YOUNG
JIM'S BRILLIANCE
REFLECTS THE
GENERAL AIR OF
RELIEF, THE
VADING THE CHAMBER--

--A CERTAIN
STALWART
MEMBER
REMAINS
GRIM...



FOR HE HAS AN HONEST
AFFECTION FOR THE
COUNTRY FROM WHICH
HE DERIVES HIS NAME,
AN AFFECTION GREATER
THAN MOST MEN HAVE
FOR THEIR OWN LIVES.



AND YET, ONCE AGAIN, HE'S BEEN A HIGH-
RANKING OFFICER, OF THAT COUNTRY'S GOVERN-
MENT BETRAY A SACRED TRUST--



IT'S NOT A PRETTY SIGHT, THE
AFTERMATH OF DECEPTION. BUT
CAPTAIN AMERICA HAS SEEN IT
BEFORE-- AND KNOWS HE WILL
SEE IT AGAIN.



JUST AS HE KNOWS THAT HE MUST
RESPECT IT FOR THE MARK OF ANY
TRUE RESPECT, OF ANY... YES, CALL IT
LOVE... IS TAKING THE BAD WITH THE
GOOD.

THOUGH
NO ONE EVER
HAD THAT
HAD TO BE
EASY.



COME ON,
LET'S GO
HOMES...

NEXT WEEK--AT THE BOTTOM OF THE BAY!

THE POWER OF THE DARK DRUID'S MAGICK UNLEASHED!

THE BLACK KNIGHT

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IT IS AN OLD MAN! DRESSED IN THE APPAREL OF MODRED, THE DARK DAVID!

BY THE GODS! IT IS MODRED! THE RESEMBLANCE IS STRONG...THOUGH AGED FORTY YEARS IT SEEMS!



MY LORD MERLYN...I HAVE JUST SEEN AN APPARITION...THE GHOST OF A DRUID ONCE KNOWN AS MODRED!

WHAT IN THE WORLD HAS BEEN HAPPENING?



MOST OF WHAT HAPPENED CAME TO PASS NOT IN THIS WORLD, BUT THE NEXT! W

SUFFICE TO SAY...MODRED WAS BESTED IN A BATTLE OF SORCERY...AND PAID THE ULTIMATE PRICE!

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NOW TO MORE IMPORTANT MATTERS! BUILD UP THE FIRE...LET THERE BE WARMTH!

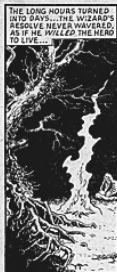
COME! DISPEL THE CHILL OF NETHERWORLD FROM THIS FAIR REALM! THERE IS YET A LIFE TO BE SAVED!



AND SO, MERLYN SET HIMSELF THE LONG TASK OF HEALING...



AND HOPE WAS KINDLED UNDER HIS MAGIC TOUCH...



THE LONG HOURS TURNED INTO DAYS...THE WIZARD'S RESOLVE NEVER WAVERED, AS IF HE WOULD THE HERO TO LIVE...



UNTIL...

MASTER... HE AWAKES!

...AND MORE...HE SPEAKS!



A DREAM...A FEARFUL DREAM... DEMONS AND GODS...SWIFT INTO JAWNS OF DEATH! NO ESCAPE! NO!!

BE STILL...THE DREAM IS OVER...THE DANGER GONE...SOON YOUR MIND WILL BE CLEAR...



CLEAR AS A CRYSTAL POOL AND FROM ITS DEPTHS WE MUST UNCOVER THE SECRET YOU HAVE KEPT FOR SO LONG...

BUT THAT MUST WAIT AS WE PRODUCE PRESENT

THE FULL ORIGIN OF CAPTAIN BRITAIN NEXT WEEK—DON'T MISS IT!

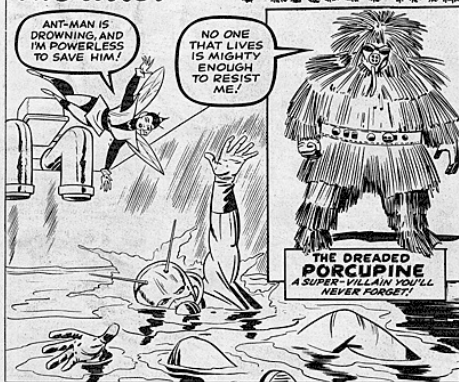
IN THE POWER OF THE PERILOUS PORCUPINE!

ANT-MAN!

ANT-MAN
and
The WASP

THE
BATTLE: PORCUPINE

A GOVERNMENT SCIENTIST HAS DEVELOPED THE POWER TO BECOME AN AMAZING SUPER-
VILLAIN... THE PORCUPINE! HE SOON EMBODIES UPON A
CAMPAIGN OF CRIME...



BUT UNBLINKING EYES, MANY-FACETED ANT EYES, WATCH THE PORCUPINE'S EVERY MOVE. AS HE LEAVES THROUGH AN ALLEY AFTER HIS SECOND BRAZEN THEFT...



EACH STEP OF THE WAY AN ARMY OF ANTS WATCH... AS HE DIVESTS HIMSELF OF HIS PORCUPINE 'IDENTITY' TO ENTER THE ORDNANCE BUILDING...



SOON, MESSAGES ARE DELAYED TO ANT-MAN'S ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS MACHINE...



IN SECONDS, THROUGH THE USE OF HIS REDUCING GAS, HENRY PYM BECOMES ANT-MAN AGAIN...

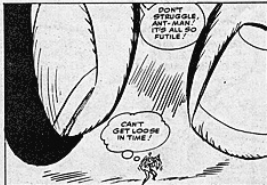


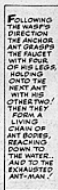
DOWN A TINY ELEVATOR TO HIS SMALL BUT HIGHLY EFFICIENT CATAULT, ANT-MAN GOES! HE PRESSES A LEVER AND THE CATAULT EJECTS HIM HIGH IN THE AIR...



LATER, INSIDE THE CHARGED WIRE THAT SURROUNDS THE ARMY ORDNANCE BUILDING...









BUT, AS THE PORCUPINE PLUNGED TOWARD THE GROUND, HE FRANTICALLY PUNCHED TWO MORE STUDDS ON HIS BELT... AND TWO TINY JET TUBES UNTOUCHED BY THE LIQUID CEMENT... MANAGE TO BREAK HIS FALL.



**NEXT WEEK:
ANOTHER
ASTONISHING
ADVENTURE
WITH ANT-MAN
AND THE
WONDROUS
WASP!**



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HULK TALK!

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Dear Dez and friends,
I have been following (and enjoying immensely) Hulk Comic every week since issue one.

My favourite story is The Black Knight, co-starring Captain Britain. But I must admit being confused about both characters and I hope you will soon be giving us the promised origins of each character (including Merlyn and Modred).

Simon Dovkants, Ledbury.

Your wish is our command, Simon, as you'll see if you flick to page 7 of this very issue! In answer to many of your letters, we're taking a brief rest from the main quest to update all of you on the origin of not only Captain Britain, but also The Black Knight.

Long-time Marvelites may groan, thinking they've already seen it. But take our word for it, this is the one which will answer all your questions as we explain the total situation of Merlyn, Modred, and even Modred the Mystic over the next few weeks.

That's right, newcomers, we'll be tying together the new American-created Modred the Mystic and our very own Dark Druid, Modred the Evil as well as everybody else.

Dear Hulk Comic,

I'm no newcomer to Marvel, and I am greatly impressed with Hulk Comic which is another wondrous addition to the weekly line-up. The comic cannot be criticised at all, and has no faults!

Bringing Captain Britain back was a great idea. Hopefully he'll get his own strip soon. Night-Raven captured brilliantly the feel of the 1930s era, I hope he'll be back soon. Nick Fury has that James Bond feel which I like so much.

As for Black Knight, the story seems quite magically like Lord of the Rings ... in its own way of course!

All in all, I think Hulk Comic is a success, and that the Marvel Revolution was a great idea ... though I do miss the glossy covers. Still, I'm not complaining, because the new covers

remind me of the old Captain Britain Comic.

Michael Humphreys, Canvey Island.

Thanks for the letter, Michael. Glad you're accepting the paper covers. Not only do they make Hulk Comic reach a far wider audience, but they also keep the price down to a reasonable amount in this age of ever-unreasonable prices.

Dear Dez,

I think Hulk Comic is the best new title since The Titans came out a few years ago.

My favourite three stories being Ant Man, Hulk and Black Knight

I would like to know if you have any new comics coming out, and if the glossy covers will be coming back.

Paul Smart, Edinburgh.

Yes, Paul, we do have a new comic coming out soon...only it will be much more than just a weekly comic! In fact, the idea's such that you'll wonder why Mighty Marvel never thought of it before. And better yet it will have glossy cover paper (which does mean it will cost a wee bit more than Hulk Comic does). As they say...watch this space for further announcements!

Dear Marvel,

My favourite story is The Eternals. I think they are great - especially the arena battle in issues 21 and 22.

I like some of the Hulk stories, but I would like to see Hulk fight some of the foes from way back like Diablo or Dr Doom.

I think the "What If" stories are getting to be a bit complicated with the latest one having Rick Jones switching back and forth from the negative zone.

Black Knight is good, but would you please explain his origin? Is he the same BK who Dr Strange once freed with the Evil Eye? Also, what did happen to Vortegan the Walker? Is he dead or what?

Ant-Man and Night-Raven are both

rubbish. Ant-Man's storylines are made worse by being so short. Also, how come Ant-Man was fighting Kosmos by himself? Where were Spider-Man, The Fantastic Four, Captain America, and the other super-heroes?

Night-Raven needs another super-hero aid to make his stories better.

Nick Fury is good, but the Yellow Claw confrontation could have been much longer.

Ralph Williams, Caversham.

Whew! That's one opinionated letter, Ralph. Here comes a brief reply...

Vortegan will be back in the Black Knight strip soon, if you read your back issues you'll find he did not die, but was badly wounded.

The full origin (and we really do mean full) of Black Knight, Capt Britain, Merlyn, Modred the Evil And Modred the Mystic will be coming up very soon.

Your question about why it's always one super-hero who fights a world menace is a good one. We could answer that it's because the menace is attacking in that particular hero's strip, but we wouldn't. Instead we'll throw it open to the readers and see who's the most imaginative Marvelite out there!

Dear Dez,

I think Hulk Comic is a great sensation and tops all other Marvel Comics.

However, I've been baffled by something for ages: why does Hulk spend more time as Hulk than as Bruce Banner?

Nigel Rowbotham, Leamington Spa

One confusion-clearer coming up, Nigel. It isn't that our hero spends more time as the Hulk than as Bruce Banner... it's just that we only tell the Hulk parts. And before you all write in asking why, can any of you imagine a comic selling with a title like The Incredible Bruce Banner, or Banner Comic. Hmm, maybe we would be in with a chance with Bruce Weekly, though!

AN EXCITING NEW ADVENTURE STARTS TODAY FOR...

NICK FURY

Agent of

SHIELD



SUPREME HEADQUARTERS INTERNATIONAL ESPIONAGE LAW-ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

DECEMBER 24, 1968--AS A HEAVY BLANKET OF SNOW ENVELOPED NEW YORK CITY, MOST OF ITS EIGHT MILLION INHABITANTS BASK IN THE ALL-CONSUMING WARMTH OF THE YULETIDE--AS THEY PREPARE TO CELEBRATE THE GREATEST CHRISTIAN HOLIDAY OF ALL IN THE COMPANY OF THOSE THEY HOLD DEAR AND DEAR...



...BUT FOR SOME, SUCH AS NICK FURY, THE COMING HOLIDAYS CAN HOLD ONLY THE EMPTY VOID LEFT BY A TRAGIC PAST--AND MEN SUCH AS HE CAN FIND STRENGTH ONLY IN WHAT THEY CAN DO FOR OTHERS...



WELL, LOOKIE WHAT'S COMIN' HARV! WE DONE FOUND US A REAL LIVE SIA GALAHAD!



DON'T SWEAT IT, LADY! I GOT MY RED CROSS BADGE IN LIFE-SAVIN'!

HO!

HE GOT LUKE SMACK 'IM DOLLY!

SUDDENLY THE CAROL-FILLED AIR IS PIERCED BY A DESPERATE SCREAM...



HELP!

OH, PLEASE HELP! PLEASE!



I'LL DO BETTER THAN THAT... I'LL SHOOT THE CREEP!

WHA-? FACE IT, FURY. WHEN IT COMES TO SUCKERS--YOU'RE RIGHT UP THERE WITH SUGAR, DADDY!



YOUR JOKES ARE DEAD, BABY--THE SAME STATE YOU'RE GONNA BE IN AS SOON AS I... NUH!!

KRAK

SORRY 'A DISAPPOINT YA, QUEENIE--BUT I DON'T PLAN TO SPEND THE HOLIDAYS IN A BOX!

YA STUPID DAME--YA SHOT LUKE!



I TOLD YA TO LEAVE THAT HEATER AT HOME! WE JUST WANTED 'A MUG SOMEBODY!

I DIDN'T MEAN IT, HARV! I DIDN'T WANNA HURT ANYBODY! I MUST'VE PANICKED--AND NOW I'VE KILLED LUKE!

SAVE THE SOBS, SISTER! I AIN'T DEAD YET--I JUST FEEL THAT WAY!



...CAUSE I GOT A LITTLE PRESENT FOR YER BUDDY HERE THAT'S GONNA MAKE YOU LOOK LIKE THE PICTURE 'A HEALTH!

WELL, YOU'RE NOT GONNA BE ALONE IN THAT CONDITION, PAL.



I OUGHTTA CALL THE LAW AND LET YA SPEND CHRISTMAS IN THE CAN!-- BUT SINCE I'M SO BIG-HEARTED...

...I'M GONNA HOPE I TAUGHT YOU A LESSON AND SEND YA HOME TO YER MOMMAS-- JUST SO YA DON'T MESS OUT ON SANTA CLAUS!

EVEN THOUGH I WOULDN'T BET ON 'IM PAYIN' A VISIT TO A BUNCHA PUNKS LIKE YOU!



AND AS THE YOUNG THUGS DISAPPEAR INTO THE DAMP GREY TWILIGHT...

WELL, FURY--AT LEAST YOU'VE MADE SOMEBODY'S CHRISTMAS MERRIER--BY KEEPIN' 'EM FROM GETTIN' MUGGED!

DON'T LEAVE MUCH FOR ME, THOUGH! ALL THOSE KIDS ARE GO HOME TO A COLD, EMPTY APARTMENT!



FURY? LET'S GO! YA JUST DON'T MESS WITH JOCKERS LIKE HIM!

MAYBE YOU CALL MUGGIN' AN HONEST WAY TO EARN A LIVIN'--BUT I JUST CAN'T MAKE MYSELF SEE IT THAT WAY!





...AND WE'LL BE ALL SET FOR THE BEST CHRISTMAS I'VE HAD IN A LONG TIME!

WAVE YOURSELF A MERRY LITTLE CHRISTMAS...

HERE'S TO THE SEASON, AND TO US--AND TO THE FACT THAT THIS IS ONE CHRISTMAS THAT I AIN'T GONNA HAVE TO SPEND ON DUTY!



BUT, AT THAT PRECISE MOMENT, IN THE ADJOINING BEDROOM...

ATTENTION, COLONEL FURY! ATTENTION, COLONEL FURY! CONDITION RED, RESUME CONDITION RED! PLEASE REPORT IMMEDIATELY!



WHAT IN BLAZES DO YOU WANT?

DON'T TELL ME YA SPOTTED A UFO BEIN' PIRIE BY RIGHT TINY REINDEER!

NEGATIVE! WE'VE RECEIVED A TRANSMISSION FROM THE HATE-MONGER!

WELL, WHY DIDN'T YA SAY SO? JUST HANG LOOSE AN' I'LL BE THERE IN A COUPLE A MINUTES.



YOU AINT GONNA BELIEVE THIS, BABY--BUT UNCLE SAM'S JUST CALLED ME UP FOR OVERTIME!

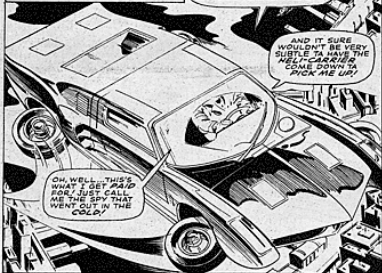
SO JUST MAKE YERSELF COMFORTABLE--AN IF SEAN CANNERY DON'T CALL FOR YA WHILE I'M GONE--I'LL BE RIGHT BACK!



BARRRRRAAAAAAAP!!

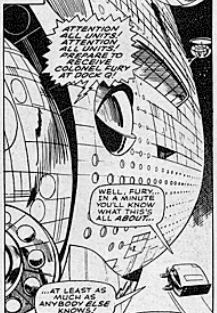
BUT, WHETHER THE THREAT IS REAL OR NOT, THE STALWART SIBEL SENTINEL, MUST INVESTIGATE--AND AFTER A SHORT DRIVE TO A DESERTED SECTION OF THE WHITEFRONT...

GOOD THING I GOT THESE ANTI-GRAY WHEELS ON THIS BUGGY! I MIGHT HAVE A HARD TIME REININ' A HELICOPTER ON CHRISTMAS EVE!



AND IT SURE WOULDN'T BE VERY SUBTLE TA HAVE THE HELI-COPTER COME DOWN TA PICK ME UP!

OH, WELL...THIS'S WHAT I GET PAID FOR! JUST CALLED ME THE SPY THAT WENT OUT IN THE COLD!



ATTENTION, ALL UNITS. ATTENTION, ALL UNITS. PREPARE TO RECEIVE COMRADE FURY AT DOCK G!

WELL, FURY, IN A MINUTE YOU'LL KNOW WHAT THIS'S ALL ABOUT...

...AT LEAST AS MUCH AS ANYBODY ELSE KNOWS!



OKAY, JONER! WHAT IN THE DEVIL GIVES IT TO BETTER BE JIG, 'CAUSE I...

...SITWELL!

AGENT JASPER SITWELL AT YOUR SERVICE, SIR! WHERE DUTY CALLS, THERE WILL I EVER BE!



AWRIGHT...SAVE THE SPEECHES FOR THE NEXT JUNIOR G-MEN MEETING! I'VE GOT ME THE PLAIN, SIMPLE FACTS!



YESSIR! STARK GAVE ME TWO DAYS OFF FOR CHRISTMAS...

"I THOUGHT I'D DROP BY HEADQUARTERS AND SEE IF I COULD BE OF USE!"

I AIN'T INTERESTED IN YER LIKE HISTORY, SITWELL. JUST GET TO THE POINT!



I WAS JUST ABOUT TO GET TO IT, SIR! ABOUT AN HOUR AGO, WE RECEIVED A TELEVIEWED MESSAGE FROM THE HATE-MONGER...

THE ESSENCE OF WHICH WAS THAT AT TWELVE MIDNIGHT, HE INTENDS TO DELIVER A SPECIAL CHRISTMAS PRESENT...

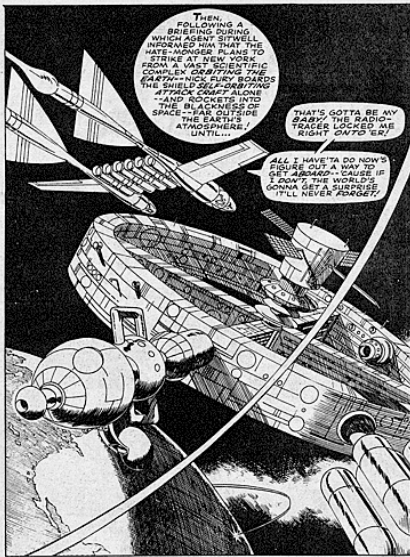


IN THE FORM OF A GERM ANEM...WHICH WILL WIPE OUT THE ENTIRE POPULATION OF NEW YORK CITY!

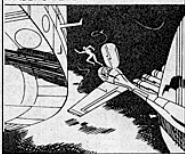


BEAUTIFUL! NOW ALL WE GOTTA DO IS FIGURE OUT IF THE THREAT'S FOR REAL...

AND, IF IT IS, WHERE IT'S GONNA BE DROPPED FROM--AND HOW TO STOP IT!



THEN, AFTER ADJUSTING HIS CRAFT'S SPEED TO EXACTLY THAT OF THE TARGET SATELLITE...



I FIGURE IT'S GOTTA BE AROUND 7:30 BY NOW--SO THAT MEANS I'LL HAVE TO MOVE FAST...



...IF I'M GONNA HAVE THE CHANCE OF A FIGHTBALL ON THE FOURTH-A JULY OF STORMIN' 'EM!



BUT, BEFORE I CAN DO ANYTHING, I GOTTA GET OUT OF THIS JUNIOR SPACEMAN GETUP.



I GOT A FEELIN' THERE'S A GREEK-ING PARTY WAITIN' FOR ME...AND I WANNA BE DRESSED PROPER FOR 'EM!



YA DON'T SAY! AND ALL THE TIME I THOUGHT MY RABBITS FOOT WAS GONNA PROTECT ME FOREVER!

OH, WELL--AT LEAST I KNOW I'M GOOD FOR A COUPLE A HUNDRED YEARS BEFORE LADY LUCK WALKS OUT ON ME!



SO HERE'S TO YA, HERBIE! I CAN PRACTICALLY GUARANTEE YOU'RE GONNA SPEND A REAL RESTFUL NIGHT.

I JUST WISH I COULD SAY THE SAME FOR MYSELF!



BUT, SINCE I CAN'T...

I MIGHT AS WELL GET YOU OUTTA MY WAY!

CAN'T STAND TO SEE SOME BODY LOVIN' WHILE I GOTTA WORK!

DON'T WANNA GET SLOWED DOWN LIKE THAT AGAIN! ONLY HAVE TWENTY MINUTES MORE!



C'MON, FURY! THINK! IF YOU DON'T FIND THE CONTROL ROOM IN TIME--YOU'RE GONNA BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEATHS OF TEN MILLION PEOPLE!



HEAD...THROBBING, BUT CAN'T LET HIM...GET THROUGH! HE COULD RUIN EVERYTHING!

ONLY HOPE...IS TO REACH ALARM BUTTON! RING FOR REINFORCEMENTS!



THERE!

ALARM

WITH THAT, NICK FURY...DOOMED!



DEATH TO FURY!

SONO'VAGUN! IMAGINE THE HATE-MONGER GOIN' TA ALL THIS TROUBLE JUST FOR ME!

JEST WHILE YOU MAY, PIG--FOR AT LONG LAST, YOUR INCREDIBLE LUCK IS ABOUT TO DESERT YOU!



AND, IF YOU'RE GONNA CARRY SOMETHIN' LIKE THAT AROUND ON YER SHOULDERS...

...IT'D BETTER NOT BE BECAUSE YA STOOD AROUND THINKN' WHEN YOU SHOULD'A BEEN DOIN'!

SO, WHAT'RE YA WAITIN' FOR--THERE'S NO TIME TO LOOK FOR THE NEED IN THE HAYSTACK LIKE NOW!

FURY'S GETTING AWAY! HE'S TOO CLOSE TO LAUNCHING ALARM! MUST...STOP HIM!



NEXT WEEK-- WILL FURY ESCAPE THE HATE-MONGER'S HENCHMEN?



THE MIGHTY: MARVEL REVOLUTION MOVES ON!



EACH AND EVERY MONTH!

CAN THE UNKNOWN HERO DIVERT DISASTER?

THE ETERNALS



ZURAS, LEADER OF THE ETERNALS, HAS GATHERED HIS PEOPLE TOGETHER TO FORM THE **UNI-MIND** IN HOPES OF COMBATING THE THREAT FROM THE CELESTIALS. MEANWHILE THE DEVIANTS HAVE LAUNCHED A GIGANTIC BOMB AT THE CELESTIAL CRAFT. BUT SPRITE, THE MISCHIEVOUS ETERNAL, PLANS TO THWART THE ATTACK WITH THE HELP OF A STRANGE HERMIT...



THEN...

I-I AM SPRITE. A GREAT URGENCY FORCES ME TO INTRUDE UPON YOU!

IF YOU HAVE NEED OF A HERO, I AM TOLD THAT THE TIME FOR ONE HAS LONG PAST!



JACK KIRBY

SPRITE IS UNPAUNTED AS HE EXPLAINS THE SITUATION...



YOU SEE, THERE IS LITTLE TIME LEFT! BUT, AN ETERNAL CAN STILL SOUL THIS ATTACK!

THE WILL OF ZURAS KEEPS ME HERE!

ONCE I ROAMED THE WORLD AMONG THE HUMANS AND SAVOOR IT TO IMPROVE THEIR LOT, I TOPPED THE PALACES OF TYRANTS AND SLEW THE BEASTS THEY COULD NOT CONQUER.



THE HUMANS KNEW ME BY MANY NAMES... BUT HERE, I HAVE NONE!

ZURAS BANISHED YOU FOR YOUR PRIDE! YOUR WILL TO MEDDLE IN HUMAN AFFAIRS.

BUT I CALL UPON YOU FOR YOUR STRENGTH... AND ONE UNSELFISH UNIVERSAL ACT...



IF ZURAS IS ABSENT... HIS VOICE IS ABSENT. WHAT MUST I DO?

SPRITE GATHERS HIS MENTAL ENERGIES... HIS HEAD GLOWS LIKE A BARRAL SUN...



IT IS WHAT I MUST DO THAT MATTERS!

WHA-?



YOU'RE VERY GOOD, SPRITE! WITH THIS SAUNNET, I SHOULD NOT FIND SPACE UNCOMFORTABLE.

PLAYING WITH ATOMS IS GREAT FUN! I DO IT ALL THE TIME!

PROVIDING ME WITH A SUITABLE VESSEL WON'T BE EASY. YOU'LL NEED THE ATOMS OF SOME BASIC MATERIAL!



THIS HOUSE - I SHALL RESTRUCTURE THIS HOUSE INTO A SPACE-SHIP TO BE BARRIED!

MEANWHILE, FAR BEYOND EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE, THE AMERICAN ASTRONAUT TEAM CLOSES IN ON THEIR CIRCLOPEAN TARGET...

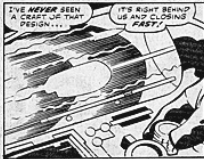


KEEP THOSE CAMERAS GRINDING, PARKER. WE'VE GOT TO COVER EVERY INCH OF THIS THING!

I HOPE WE HAVE ENOUGH FILM TO COVER THAT SHIP. IT'S BIGGER THAN CAPE CANAVERAL.



A NEW SILHOUETTE REGISTERS ON THE LASER-SCOPE. IT'S LARGER THAN THE AMERICAN SHIP, AND APPROACHING THEIR SAME TARGET...



THE MANNED BOMB OF THE DEVIANTS MURTLIS TOWARD ITS OBJECTIVE WITH GAIN INTENT... FLAMING STREAMERS OF SETHING ANGRY! HAHA! ITS PROGRESS, GLOWING BRIGHT AND FIERCE AS THE WHITE HOT CORE OF ITS DEADLY ATOMIC PILE NEARS THE HOLOCAUST RANGE.

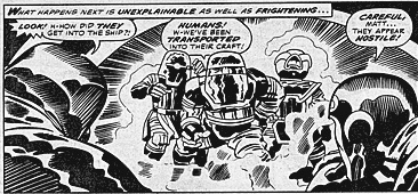
BUT, IN ITS WAKE, A SHIP OF THE ETERNALS MAKES READY FOR INTERCEPTION...

IGNORE THESE VESSELS! STAY ON COURSE AND INCREASE SPEED!



A COSMIC MIND QUICKLY DISCERNS THE MIS- SIONS OF THE ASTRONAUTS. THE CELESTIAL IS FACED WITH A SIMPLE PROBLEM: THE CREWS ARE IN THE WRONG SHIPS...





IT IS AN HOUR WHEN THE IMPOS-
SIBLE HAS SUDDENLY BECOME
INCREDIBLE REALITY!
AT A SECRET NASA AIRFIELD
IN THE MOJAVE DESERT, THE RE-
TURN OF THE AMERICAN ASTRO-
NAUTS IS EAGERLY AWAITED...



A VEHICLE IS SIGHTED. A
VEHICLE IS TRACKED. A
VEHICLE ASSUMES ITS GUIDE-
PATH AND PREPARES TO LAND!
MATT PURGAN AND TERRY NEEVE
HAVE COME BACK FROM SPACE!



ALTHOUGH THEIR CRAFT IS NOT
THE ONE IN WHICH THEY DEPARTED,
THE AMERICANS HAVE HAD NO
DIFFICULTY IN OPERATING IT...
ONCE THEY DISCOVERED THAT IT
COULD BE GUIDED IN BY THE
POWER OF THOUGHT ALONE...



DUESAN AND
PARKER HAVE A
LOT TO
EXPLAIN!

AN EXPLANATION WILL BE MADE, BUT IT WILL
BECOME THE CAUSE OF CONSTERNATION AND
DOUBT AND NOT DEBATE, HOWEVER, THE
AMERICANS WILL HAVE WHAT THEY WANTED--
A REPORT FROM SPACE, AND TWO SAFE
ASTRONAUTS...



MEANWHILE, SOMEWHERE OVER THE SOUTH
ATLANTIC OCEAN, THE DEVIANTS ATTEMPT A
LANDING IN THE SHUTTLE PLANE, UNACQUAINT-
ED WITH ITS CONTROLS, THEY BARREL IN AT
HIGH SPEED TOWARD THE CHOPPY WATERS...



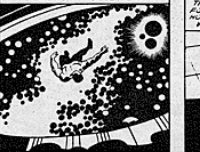
HAVING REBARKED ON A MISSION OF
SUICIDE AND MASS DESTRUCTION
THE DEVIANTS AGREE THEIR END
ON A SMALLER SCALE THAN THEY
MAY HAVE DESIRED...



HOWEVER, IT IS THE LONE ETERNAL
WHO FINISHES HIS TASK IN TRUE
JERAPHOSE FASHION. THE
WRECKED DEVIANT BURNING
CAREENS OFF INTO SPACE LIKE
A BLAZING FIRE--SELF-CONSUMING
AND SPECTACULAR TO WITNES.



CENTURIES OF ISOLATION HAVEN'T
CHANGED THIS ETERNAL, A LEGENDARY
HERO TO THE HUMANS. HE HAS LIVED UP
TO HIS CALLING WITH FULL MEASURE.



NOW, HE DETACHES FREE OF THE FLAMING WRECKAGE, UNTIL HIS
INFLAMED BODY IS DRAWN INTO THE GIANT CELESTIAL SHIP.
THERE IT RESTS... UNABLE TO FUNCTION... SMASHED BY AN
OCEAN OF IMPERSCRIBABLE LIMITS. THIS, WHEN THE HAND OF
THE ONE ABOVE ALL REACHES FOR HIM, HIS
FORM IS LIKE A FLEA IN ITS SHADOW.
HOWEVER, HE IS A FLEA PROVEN
WORTHY OF THE GODS!!



NEXT! AMAZING ACTION!

IKERIS
BATTLES
THE COSMIC-
POWERED
AAUK

THE MIGHTY
THOR

— **ASGARD'S MIGHTIEST
WARRIOR PRINCE!**



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action packed
adventures
every week in...*

SPIDER-MAN
COMIC

THE GOD OF THUNDER WALKS THE EARTH...



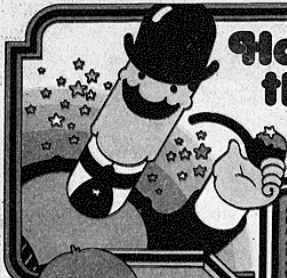
ANOTHER
MARVEL
MASTERPIECE

**NOW
ON
SALE!**



**NOW
MORE
THAN
EVER,
BRITAIN'S
GREATEST!**

Have fun with the amazing MR BELLAMY



**THE AMAZING SPOT
THE LIQUORICE
TRICK.** With your
back to a table, ask
someone to put a piece of
liquorice anywhere on the
table. Get them to hold one arm
in the air. After about 1 minute, ask your
friend to put his hands on the table and
cover the liquorice with the hand he's
been holding in the air.

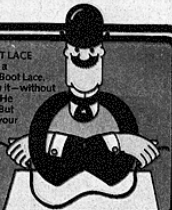
When you turn round you'll know
immediately where
the liquorice is.
It's under the
hand that's
paler. Do
you
know
why?



SOME FACTS TO AMAZE YOUR FRIENDS WITH

- ★ Gorillas can't swim!
- ★ Poodles don't moult!
- ★ Elephants can't jump!
- ★ Giraffes have no voice!

**MR BELLAMY'S BOOT LACE
KNOT** Offer someone a
Mr Bellamy Liquorice Boot Lace.
Ask him to tie a knot in it—without
letting go of the ends. He
won't be able to do it. But
tell him you can. Fold your
arms before you
pick up the ends,
like the picture, and
when you unfold
your arms you will
have tied a knot!



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Do you know that
Mr Bellamy makes
the most delicious,
most exciting liquorice
novelties ever? He
makes thin ones, fat ones,
wide ones, long ones
— whatever takes your fancy.
And the most amazing
thing of all? You can enjoy a
Mr Bellamy Liquorice
Novelty for only 3p

MR BELLAMY'S



Amazing Liquorice Novelties